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## MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS VICTORIA, DECEMBER 1986

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### ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

*State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (5646.0) (quarterly)*

### EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

*Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (6302.0) (quarterly)*

*Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia (6312.0) (monthly)*

*Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0) (quarterly)*

*Overtime, Australia (6330.0) (quarterly)*

*The Labour Force, Victoria (6201.2) (monthly)*

### PRICES

*Consumer Price Index (6401.0) (quarterly)*

*Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Darwin (6407.0) (monthly)*

*Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (6408.0) (monthly)*

### BUILDING

*Building Activity, Summary, Australia (8751.0) (quarterly)*

*Building Approvals, Australia (8731.0) (monthly)*

### RETAIL SALES

*Retail Sales of Goods (Excluding Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.), Australia (8501.0) (monthly)*

### PRODUCTION

*Monthly Summary of Statistics, Victoria (1303.2)*

### NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

*Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia (9303.0) (monthly)*

### BANKS

*Monthly Summary of Statistics, Victoria (1303.2)*

### HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

*Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (5609.0) (monthly)*

### OVERSEAS TRADE

*Exports, Australia (5404.0) (monthly)*

*Imports, Australia (5406.0) (monthly)*

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Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year %
				One period	Two periods	Three periods		
ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (a)\$m								
Manufacturing	\$m	Mar qr 86	1,048	1,311	1,239	1,221	889	17.9
Finance	\$m	Mar qr 86	379	478	444	352	249	52.2
	\$m	Mar qr 86	418	518	512	584	370	13.0
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES								
Persons in labour force - (b)	'000	Nov 86	2,004.8	2,015.2	2,026.5	1,966.3	1,957.8	2.4
Employed persons	"	Nov 86	1,877.6	1,886.6	1,883.8	1,833.7	1,840.7	2.0
Unemployed persons	"	Nov 86	127.2	128.5	142.7	132.7	117.1	8.6
Overtime worked per employee	hours	Aug 86	1.22	1.41	1.44	1.56	1.37	-10.9
Job vacancies	'000	Aug 86	12.9	16.8	17.0	15.1	17.5	-26.3
Average weekly earnings -								
Males	\$	Aug 86	429.50	425.70	423.50	421.30	407.10	5.5
Females	"	Aug 86	294.50	297.10	290.50	283.80	279.10	5.5
Indexes of weekly award rates(June 1976=100)-								
Wage earners -								
Adult males	indices	Oct 86	225.2	225.2	225.2	225.2	212.2	6.1
Adult females	"	Oct 86	222.0	222.0	222.0	222.0	209.1	6.2
Wage and salary earners -								
Adult males	"	Oct 86	222.9	222.9	222.9	222.9	210.0	6.1
Adult females	"	Oct 86	221.3	221.3	221.3	221.3	208.4	6.2
PRICES								
Consumer Price Index,Melbourne(1980-81=100)-								
Food	indices	Sep qr 86	156.1	152.0	147.2	144.2	141.8	10.1
Clothing	"	Sep qr 86	145.9	144.6	138.1	137.9	132.9	9.8
Housing	"	Sep qr 86	171.3	168.6	164.8	161.8	158.0	8.4
Household equipment & operation	"	Sep qr 86	156.8	153.7	152.3	149.2	144.9	8.2
Transportation	"	Sep qr 86	156.8	149.6	153.8	146.5	147.4	6.4
Tobacco & alcohol	"	Sep qr 86	171.8	168.1	165.1	160.7	158.4	8.5
Health & personal care	"	Sep qr 86	151.4	147.4	142.4	138.6	136.7	10.8
Recreation & education(Mar qr 1982=100)	"	Sep qr 86	139.8	136.8	134.1	129.2	127.1	10.0
All groups	"	Sep qr 86	158.2	154.2	151.8	147.8	145.3	8.9
Price Indexes of Materials Used in Building, Melbourne,All groups-								
House building(1966-67=100)	indices	Sep 86	520.9	517.4	515.4	512.5	492.2	5.8
Other than house building(1979-80=100)	"	Sep 86	174.8	173.7	172.4	170.8	161.3	8.4
BUILDING								
Approvals -								
New houses	No.	Oct 86	2,700	2,580	2,480	2,633	3,304	-18.3
New other residential buildings	"	Oct 86	492	457	343	600	650	-24.3
Value of all building	\$m	Oct 86	346.7	350.2	361.9	404.9	386.9	-10.4
Commencements -								
New houses	No.	Jun qr 86	6,770	6,960	8,210	8,180	8,580	-21.1
Value of new houses	\$m	Jun qr 86	427.7	426.9	496.6	472.9	476.4	-10.2
New other residential buildings	No.	Jun qr 86	1,133	1,387	1,704	1,710	1,839	-38.4
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Jun qr 86	47.6	56.5	69.2	68.7	71.5	-33.4
Value of non-residential building	"	Jun qr 86	402.6	485.9	366.1	439.3	391.6	2.8
Work done in period	"	Jun qr 86	1,168.5	971.9	1,123.0	1,141.4	1,009.2	15.8
RETAIL SALES(excl motor vehicles,etc)	\$m	Sep 86	1,178.4	1,179.2	1,189.9	1,110.2	1,033.3	14.0
PRODUCTION								
Manufacturing -								
Clay bricks	million	Sep 86	43	39	42	37	39	10.3
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	Sep 86	268	294	246	258	258	3.9
Plastics & synthetic resins	tonnes	Sep 86	37,231	38,161	49,135	47,277	55,111	-32.4
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Sep 86	3,058	3,128	3,256	2,791	3,366	-9.2
Cars & station wagons	'000	Sep 86	18.8	18.5	20.4	17.4	22.4	-16.1
Wool yarn	tonnes	Sep 86	1,387	1,483	1,657	1,329	1,395	-0.6
Woven fabric -Wool(incl blanketing)	'000 sq.m	Sep 86	281	303	401	322	254	10.6
Man-made fibre	"	Sep 86	6,602	7,318	6,611	7,217	7,014	-5.9
Mining -								
Crude oil	'000 cu.m	Sep 86	2,026	1,889	1,419	1,511	2,433	-16.7
Brown coal	'000 tonnes	Sep 86	3,434	3,559	3,802	3,047	3,233	6.2
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS								
Cars & station wagons	No.	Oct 86	10,043	8,922	10,648	10,146	13,393	-25.0
Other motor vehicles(incl motor cycles)	"	Oct 86	2,409	2,269	3,008	2,910	3,260	-26.1
BANKS								
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Oct 86	17,250	17,305	17,094	17,023	14,483	19.1
Major trading -								
Deposits	"	Oct 86	12,792	12,521	12,596	12,660	12,086	5.8
Advances	"	Oct 86	12,869	12,571	12,451	12,310	10,014	28.5
Debits to customers'accounts(c)	"	Oct 86	29,890	26,962	24,897	26,135	24,982	19.6
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION								
Secured commitments to individuals -	"	Sep 86	321.9	282.7	353.6	288.7	330.4	-2.6
Savings banks	"	Sep 86	268.4	231.5	300.0	238.9	225.5	19.0
Trading banks	"	Sep 86	16.8	20.5	24.0	20.5	35.4	-52.5
Permanent building societies	"	Sep 86	20.8	19.9	16.5	12.3	43.9	-52.6
Other lenders	"	Sep 86	15.8	11.5	13.2	16.9	25.6	-38.3
OVERSEAS TRADE								
Imports	"	Sep 86	1,329.5	1,145.0	1,127.8	986.4	958.1	38.8
Exports(excl re-exports)	"	Oct 86	562.8	602.6	496.7	451.8	543.1	3.6

(a) By private enterprises. (b) Labour force figures from January 1985 have been adjusted to allow comparison with published data from April 1986. (c) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne.